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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT NYERERE

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1. IN COURSE OF OTHER BUSINESS, TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE REMARKED TO US THAT THEIR PLANNING FOR NYERERE AUGUST VISIT TO US IS GETTING UNDERWAY. THEY ARE REVIEWING FILES OF HIS VISITS TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE EARLY 1950'S AND HIS VERY WARMLY REMEMBERED RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

2. ONE KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S RECOLLECTIONS OF THE US ARE EXCLUSIVELY URBAN, WHEREAS HIS CONCERNS ABOUT HIS OWN COUNTRY CENTER ON ITS RURAL AREAS, THE HOME OF 95 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE US WOULD BE GREATLY ENHANCED IF HE SAW AMERICANS "WORKING THE LAND OUT IN THE HOT SUN", AND SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE VALUE OF HIS TRAVELLING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO PLAINS, GEORGIA, FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY FILES CONTAIN NOTHING ON NYERERE'S EARLY VISITS TO THE US. HE MAY HAVE GONE TO DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY IN PITTSBURGH DURING ONE OF THEM, BUT WE UNABLE TO CONFIRM HERE. WE CONTINUE BELIEVE INTELLECTUAL ASPECT OF VISIT SUGGESTED REF B
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IS IMPORTANT, BUT IDEA OF A TRIP TO PLAINS ALSO HAS MERIT AS ADD-
IN OR POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE. NYERERE SPENDS MUCH TIME RENEWING HIS RURAL ROOTS IN HOME VILLAGE OF BUTIAMA, SOMETIMES DESCRIBED AS THE ONLY ANCESTRAL PLACE OF AN AFRICAN CHIEF OF STATE WITHOUT A PAVED ROAD LEADING TO IT. EFFECT ON HIM OF INFORMAL FARM AND FAMILY ORIENTED PLAINS VISIT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE POSITIVE. NYERERE HAS TENDED TO LIMIT DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS

TO PROBLEMS OF AFRICA AND THE WORLD THAT MIGHT BE FAVORABLY
AFFECTED BY APPLICATION OF US POWER. HE HAS HERETOFORE DISPLAYED
NO INTEREST IN THE AMERICAN RURAL EXPERIENCE IN CONTRAST TO HIS
FAVORABLE COMMENTS REGARDING CHINESE PEOPLE'S COMMUNES, CUBA'S
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. WE IMAGINE THAT
AUGUST CLIMATE IN PLAINS WOULD MAKE NYERERE FEEL VERY MUCH AT
HOME.
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